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ICARC NEWSLETTER

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Solar Cycle 25: Happy New Year everyone as we head further into Solar or Sunspot Cycle 25 this year. Many hams are hoping this is a good one. Solar Cycle 25 began roughly in December 2019. Several predictions have been made for cycle 25 ranging from very weak to strong magnitude based on different measuring methods. A consensus expects solar maximum to occur between 2023 and 2026 with a sunspot range of 95 to 130. We shall see.

Interview with a Ham: A new feature will be added to the newsletter this year as long as members are interested in participating. Each month we hope to ask a club member a few questions about their interest in the hobby & what got them started. This month we start off with K3VAR Paul Morris.

First Question: What first got you interested in Amateur Radio? **Paul:** I first got interested in 1962 on a trip to my uncle's in Duluth, Minnesota. His call was K0HTX and I operated while I was there visiting. Went home and asked for an early Christmas present --an S-120 receiver. **Question #2** What year did you first get licensed & what was your first rig? **Paul:** I got my novice license in the Fall of 1962 & my first rig was a Knight T-50 crystal controlled & the S-120 receiver. **Question #3:** What is your favorite mode to operate & why? **Paul:** My favorite mode of operation is cw. Since the very beginning I have enjoyed cw contacts. Many hams have amps--I don't. So lower power for me means utilizing cw. **Question#4:** Do you have a favorite band, if so why? **Paul:** My favorite band is 20 meters. For dxing it is the premier band. I have worked over 250 dx entities on

20 meters and 315 entities altogether. **Question #5:** What QSO do you remember the most? **Paul:** The QSO I remember the most was in 1963 when I first got my General Class License. Before high school one morning I heard VK2OO (*Australia*) and called. He came back. I cherish the QSL card to this day. QSO was on 40 meters and no one in the radio club believed me until I showed up with the QSL card. **Question #6:** Any advice for someone today that wants to get started in the hobby? **Paul:** Advice for those starting out. Find a good elmer to assist you with studying the questions and general amateur radio practices. Also, listen for awhile before getting on the air. My elmer was W3GJR & was also my first QSO--still have the card.
Editor: Thank you so much for taking part. **Paul:** 73, K3VAR

We are looking for articles for print. Either something you find interesting or something you may have written yourself . If anyone would like to include information or write an article for the Newsletter please let Chris Edwards know by email at: chowhowa@gmail.com .The only caveats are: The editor reserves the right to alter the format for publication purposes. The content may also be modified contingent upon accuracy & appropriateness of the contained material. The latter would, of course, be subject to the approval of the original author. **Editor:** N3VFK

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 01/04/2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Club President Doug Fitzsimmons. **K3LAB** with Roll Call & the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports: The minutes of the December 2021 Meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards **N3VFK**. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was made, seconded & they were approved. The financial report was next read also by Chris. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made & it was unanimously approved. There was not an EC report as Gary Miller **KC3NHE** was unable to attend.

Old Business: Doug sent an email to Tom Stutzman; Director of Emergency Management of Indiana County regarding the two meter repeater replacement. It is now in process. We will be transforming the current repeater to become a 70 centimeter repeater. Dave Dzelsky **N3DZ** will be donating a WIRES X interface for it. Doug mentioned dues are due for 2022 & also reminded the club of the dinner this Saturday at 5:30pm at Ravailla's Restaurant in Blairsville.

New Business: Gary is looking into temporarily suspending electrical service to the old repeater site. Doug wants club members to think about between now & the next meeting on what to do with the old site. In wrapping up the Meeting Aaron LaMantia **KC3LEP** showed us a Video Presentation on the Solar Cycle 25 which we are currently in.

Closing: Doug entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made, was seconded & approved. Meeting adjourned 8:23pm.

Attendance: 11

Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB (Pres.) Fred Maize KM3M

Aaron LaMantia KC3LEP Ed Wilson KC3QAJ

Chris Edwards N3VFK (Sec.)
Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA
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